

HOUSE BILL 535

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Commerce and Government Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Hill, R. Baker, Benson, Branch, Brown, Burns, Cane, C. Davis, D. Davis, Dobson, Fulton, Giannetti, Gladden, Griffith, Harrison, Howard, A. Jones, V. Jones, Kirk, Marriott, Montague, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Paige, Patterson, Phillips, Proctor, Rawlings, Swain, and Valderrama**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Voter Registration - Felons**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for voter registration to allow an
4 individual who has been convicted of a certain crime to qualify to be a registered
5 voter if the individual, in connection with a first conviction, has completed the
6 court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation
7 conviction; altering the qualifications for voter registration to allow an
8 individual who has been convicted of a certain crime to qualify to be a registered
9 voter if the individual, in connection with a subsequent conviction, has
10 completed the court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction and at least a
11 certain number of years has elapsed since the completion of the court-ordered
12 sentence; prohibiting certain individuals who are convicted more than once of
13 certain crimes of violence from being qualified to be registered voters; providing

1 for the termination of certain provisions of this Act a delayed effective date; and
 2 generally relating to the qualifications of individuals to register to vote in the
 3 State.

4 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 5 ~~Article 33—Election Code~~
 6 ~~Section 3-102~~
 7 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 8 ~~(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)~~

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 11 Section 3-102
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 13 (As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 ~~Article 33—Election Code~~

17 ~~3-102.~~

18 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may
 19 become registered to vote if the individual:

20 (1) Is a citizen of the United States;

21 (2) Is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or before the day of
 22 the next succeeding general or special election;

23 (3) Is a resident of the county as of the day the individual seeks to
 24 register; and

25 (4) Registers pursuant to this title.

26 (b) An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

27 (1) Has been convicted of theft or other infamous crime, unless the
 28 individual:

29 (i) Has been pardoned; or

30 (ii) ~~[In connection with a first conviction, has] HAS completed the~~
 31 ~~COURT ORDERED sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, PAROLE,~~
 32 ~~COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTIONS, AND FINES;~~

33 (2) Is under guardianship for mental disability; or

1 ~~Section 2 of this Act. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be~~
2 ~~abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

3 SECTION 4: 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, ~~subject to the~~
4 ~~provisions of Section 3 of this Act,~~ this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003.